

House File 2416 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 560)

(COMPANION TO LSB 1192SW BY
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to commercial establishments keeping
2 nonagricultural animals, by establishing a quality assurance
3 council and providing for a quality assurance certificate
4 awarded to selected commercial breeders.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **162.9 Commercial breeders —**
2 **quality assurance council and certificate.**

3 1. A quality assurance council is established within
4 the department. The council shall be composed of one member
5 appointed by the secretary of agriculture who has an interest
6 in the welfare of dogs and cats, one member appointed by the
7 Iowa voters for companion animals, and one member appointed by
8 the Iowa pet breeders association. A member shall serve for
9 a term of two years, except the initial members shall serve
10 staggered terms as designated by the secretary of agriculture.
11 The members may elect a chairperson and adopt rules of
12 procedure. A member is not entitled to receive a per diem as
13 specified in section 7E.6 and is not entitled to be reimbursed
14 for actual or necessary expenses incurred in the performance
15 of the member's duties.

16 2. The council shall review applications submitted by
17 commercial breeders who seek to receive a quality assurance
18 certificate denoting the breeder as one of the leading
19 commercial breeders in this state. The council shall award
20 quality assurance certificates to those applicants who have
21 demonstrated a long history of caring for dogs or cats in a
22 manner that consistently exceeds the standard of care required
23 in this chapter and the Animal Welfare Act.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill establishes a quality assurance council within the
28 department of agriculture and land stewardship. The council
29 is to be composed of one member appointed by the secretary
30 of agriculture, one member appointed by the Iowa voters for
31 companion animals, and one member appointed by the Iowa pet
32 breeders association. The purpose of the council is to review
33 applications submitted by commercial breeders of dogs or cats
34 who seek to receive a quality assurance certificate denoting
35 the applicant as one of the leading commercial breeders in this

1 state. The council is to award quality assurance certificates
2 to those applicants who have demonstrated a long history of
3 caring for dogs or cats in a manner that consistently exceeds
4 the standard of care required under state and federal law.
5 A commercial breeder is a person engaged in the business of
6 breeding dogs or cats and who transfers, or offers to transfer,
7 dogs or cats to another person in return for consideration.